mendations of BICP, as per the provisions of DPCO 1987, and after careful scrutiny in the Department. In the case of formulations out side price control as and when any unusual price increase is noticed, Government intervenes to bring it to a reasonable level. With this approach, overall availability of drugs at reasonable prices has been ensured.

(c) These questions are being examined as part of the review of the Drug Policy which is still to be finalised.

New Policy for P.D.S.

*56. SHRI N.E. BALARAM :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a new policy for public Distribution System to ensure supply of essntial commodities at cheaper rates to a class of people ;

(b) whether it is a fact that a cut-off line is proposed to be drawn so as to discontinue such supplies to the 'not-so-poor' class of people ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY) : (a) to (c) There is no proposal at present to discontinue supplies under the Public Distribution System (PDS) to any class of people. Under the existing scheme for special subsidy to Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDP) areas, the Central Government issues foodgrains (wheat and rice) at a specially subsidised price which is Rs. 500/- per tonne less than the normal issue price under PDS. This scheme has been in operation from 1985-86.

Permission to Multi-National Corporations to enter Indian market

*57. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the Multi National Corporation seeking permission to enter the Indian market indicating their names, areas of operation, collaborators etc. ; and

(b) what is the response of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) The details of approved proposals of fore-in collaboration, including the proposals envisaging direct investment by foreign companies on the form of equity in Indian companies name of foreign collaborators, item of manufacture and nature of collaborations, are published on a monthly basis by the Indian Investment Centre, New Delni, as a supplement to its Monthly Newsletter. Copies of these publications are sent regularly to the Parliament Library.

After the announcement of New Industrial Policy in July, 1991, approvals have been given by Government as well as Reserve Bank of India for a total of about 760 foreign collaborations till the end of 31st January, 1992. Of these, 260 proposals approved envisage direct investment by foreign companies of over Rs. 580 crores.

Golden handshake scheme to prune the size of bureaucracy

*58 SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA :
SHRI SYED SIBTEYRAZI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are planning to introduce a golden